(c) A rate of return of 12% is provided in the tariff on the capital employed (net fixed assets plus working capital) at the normative capacity factor which is generally 62.8% fixed in consultation with the Central Electricity Authority. The details of rates of return for the operating stations are as follows :—

Year	TAPS-1 & 2	RAPS-2*	MAPS-1 & 2	NAPS-1 & 2
1990-91	17.18%	15.13%	10.41%	14.55% (Unit 1 only)
1991-92	13.03%	9.00%	9.46%	(−) 1.60% (Unit 1 only)
1992-93 (Provisional)	14.21%	(−) 1.22%	2.04%	9.45%

*The tariff is due for revision since April 1990.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) TAPS-1 & 2 has been performing well. The other Stations have been established with increasing indigenous efforts both on the nuclear and conventional sides. Several problems have been faced and have been overcome with indigenous Research and Development efforts. Improvement of capacity factor and reducing the unplanned outages is a continuous exercise. It may also be pointed out that indigenous development of nuclear technology has manifold benefits to the Nation.

Gas Cracker Project in Assam

@2067. SHRI BHANDRESWAR GOHAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed Gas Cracker Project in Assam.

(b) whether the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been signed and if so, the details;

(c) whether the site for the project has been selected and if so, where; and

(d) by when the work on the said project is likely to start ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) who hold the Letter of Intent for setting up the Gas Cracker Project in Assam, have informed that they are taking action to tie up the co-promoter for implementing the project.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A site near Duliajan in Dibrugarh district in Upper Assam has been provisionally selected for the project.

(d) The project work can commence immediately after the signing of the MOU with the co-promoter and completion of other pre-project formalities.

Decanalisation of Import of MOP, MAP & SOP

2068. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM : DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decanalised the import of murate of potash (MOP), Mono-Immonium Phosphate (MAP) and Sulphate of Potash (SOP), if so, the reasons thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that buyers with small orders would not be able to get better terms from overseas suppliers and shippers;

(c) if so, whether the Government are aware that the prices of Potassic fertiliser would rise and adversely affect the farmers; and

(d) if so, what steps Government would take to contain the rising prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) The imports of MOP, MAP and SOP have been decanalised so that the farmers may benefit from competitive imports. There is no apprehension in that decanalisation would lead to a rise in the price of potassic fertilisers.

@ Previously unstarred Question 1210, transferred from 4-8-93.